



PATENT APPLICATION  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF )  
WERNER OBRECHT ET AL ) GROUP NO.: 1712  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/033,247 ) EXAMINER: P. A. SHORT  
FILED: DECEMBER 29, 2001 )  
TITLE: MICROGEL-CONTAINING RUBBER )  
COMPOUNDS WITH PHOSPHORYL )  
POLYSULFIDES AND )  
VULCANIZATES OR SHAPED )  
ARTICLES PREPARED THEREFROM )

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 7, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 7, 2003 with the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and required fee. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the accompanying Request for Continuing Examination and remarks, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 1-7 is courteously requested.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification:** None.

**Amendment to the Claims:** none, a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Appendix:** Declaration for Dr. Früh.

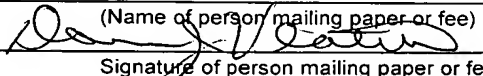
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